

Amendment

B' 27. (amended) A microbial extrudate which comprises[, or is obtained from, a fungus] dead fungi or dead fungal cells obtainable from extrusion of a fungal biomass.

28. (amended) An extrudate according to claim 27 wherein the fungi [fungus] or fungal cells [is] are of the genus *Mortierella*.

Sub G2 29. (twice amended) A composition comprising granular particles of dead fungal cells from a biomass which particles

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- (a) are obtained by granulating the biomass; and
 - (b) have a[n average] dry matter content of at least 30% but less than 70% .

Sub C2 30. (twice amended) A composition which comprises dried granules of dead fungal cells, the dried granules being obtained by drying granular particles, themselves obtained by granulating a microbial biomass, said resultant dried granules [derived from a microbial biomass which have been dried and have] having a[n average] dry matter content of at least 80%.

Please cancel claim 40 without prejudice

Remarks

Careful consideration has been given to the Examiner's rejections, and it is believed that the above-presented amendments are responsive thereto.

The section 112 rejections

It is believed that the above amendments are responsive to the Examiner's rejections under 35 USC section 112, second paragraph. The term "average" has been deleted from Claims 29 and 30. The term was used since there is always some minor variation in dryness from granule to granule in a composition, but the term is not necessary.